

DCI/IC 752156

June 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT : Arrangements for planned critical
intelligence conference [redacted]
10-11 July 1975

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Dear Sam,

1. Confirming my conversations with [redacted] and [redacted] I am pleased to advise that practically all the major players from the operations and intelligence centers within the NSC community have accepted the invitation made in your behalf to attend a conference on critical intelligence/crisis management/warning, etc., on 10 and 11 July [redacted]. I was pleased and slightly surprised at the ease with which this occurred and would hope it is an indication that there is a general felt need for this kind of collegial effort. It is certainly the case with WHSR, NSA, and ourselves.

2. In inviting these people I made several points: first, that this conference was one of a gathering of peers and not an attempt by those of us at Langley to lean on them (or if so, gently). Second, that the agenda would consist of both items that the IC Staff felt should be treated, as well as those the participants themselves want included. And lastly, that all administrative arrangements would be made by members of my staff, since we had the natural advantage of being part of CIA, the honcho of the conference site.

3. The following is the list of those that had been invited and accepted as of this time:

From the White House: Mr. James Fazio, Director,
White House Situation Room

From NSA

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[redacted]
[redacted]
IC Staff

Chief, NSOC
Chief, DEFSMAC
former member,

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From DIA : [REDACTED], Departing STAT
Chief, NMIC
[REDACTED] New Chief, NMIC STAT

From NMCC : Brigadier General (Andy) Atkinson,
Chief, NMCC
Lieutenant Colonel Owen Greenblatt,
Staff, NMCC

From Department
of State : Mr. Rolan Kuchel, Chief, State
Department Operations Center

From State INR : Ms. Delores Wahl, Senior INR Analyst
on critical intelligence matters

From Strategic
Warning Staff : [REDACTED] Director STAT

From CIA : [REDACTED] Chief, CIA STAT
Operations Center
[REDACTED], Executive Officer STAT
CIA Operations Center

4. While Ms. Wahl of State INR did tentatively accept, I detected a marked lack of enthusiasm. She is bogged down with internal work and does not feel she can spare the time. She should be encouraged to attend, since with the split responsibility at State, both sides must be well represented.

5. During the course of inviting [REDACTED], he mentioned he would also like to have [REDACTED] attend but that the dates did not fit. Unfortunately, this came after most of the other players had accepted and I was unable to accommodate him. However, we agreed that if anything happened to the Admiral's schedule, we would very much like him to attend. STAT
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6. When discussing this conference personally with the new operating head of NMCC (General Atkinson takes over on 1 July, replacing Rear Admiral Coughlin) we covered the desirability of including his boss, Major General Cunningham. General Atkinson is going to test the water and if Cunningham shows any interest, I will follow up with a firm and enthusiastic invitation.

7. Aside from myself and [REDACTED] I plan to bring along my DDS&T and DDO Chiefs as back bench observers, plus STAT

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our Administrative Officer, [REDACTED], just to make sure that all the arrangements, etc., go smoothly. Whether or not other CIA major players should be included in this conference, I leave up to you. On the positive side, I think the proceedings would benefit greatly from the presence of either the DDI or ADDI. On the negative side, I would be afraid of giving the appearance of stacking the deck in favor of CIA.

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8. Finally, we should now work out a memorandum from you confirming all the above, soliciting agenda items and giving them the administrative details of where, when and how to get to [REDACTED]. Let me know what further part you want me to play.

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[REDACTED]
Chief, CIA Operations Center

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